

Special Events

Rigid Plastics

- The Town will schedule 2 Rigid Plastics Events annually – dates TBD.
- Bring your rigid plastics (toys, plastic chairs, containers, etc).
- There is no charge for residents.

Paper Shredding

- The Town will schedule 2 Paper Shredding Events annually – dates TBD.
- Open to residents only.
- One box limit.
- Shredding takes place in front of residents.
- There is no charge for shredding.



Scrap Metal Pickup

- The Town of Reading will schedule 1 scrap metal pickup annually - date TBD
- The contractor will pick up scrap metal curbside from residents. *No appliances please.*
- No charge.

Leaf Collection

- The Town will schedule (5) weeks of curbside leaf collection per year
- The contractor will pick up leaves in large paper bags
- 2 weeks in the spring and 3 weeks in the fall.
- Collection dates to be announced.
- There is no charge for curbside leaf collection.



Permanent Collection Center

All drop-off items may be brought to the DPW Facility, 75 Newcrossing Road Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Styrofoam - The Town has partnered with Gold Circuit E-cycling of Ludlow MA to offer this drop-off location. Styrofoam collection will consist only of the following: clean, white #6 PS preformed block and sheets, **No food containers of any kind, and No colored Styrofoam.**

Electronics - Electronics should no longer be placed curbside with your trash. We are partnering with Gold Circuit E-cycling of Ludlow MA to offer this program. We will accept anything with a plug. **Please note.** TV's, CRT's and major appliances will not be accepted. As always, please call **JRM** to dispose of these items properly.

Fluorescent Bulbs/Mercury Items

The Town partners with Covanta Energy to safely dispose of our fluorescent tubes, energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs and mercury items.



For more information or suggestions, contact the Department of Public Works at 1-781-942-9077 or visit our website: www.readingma.gov

For missed pickups, issues or questions, please contact:



Town of Reading

A Guide to Rubbish and Recycling

Dear Reading Residents,

The following guidelines are provided to assist you with the Rubbish and Recycling collection program. Included in this guide are special collection events and information on our permanent drop off center.

Our goal is to increase recycling and reduce costs by decreasing the tonnage of rubbish that is incinerated. We ask all residents to participate in working towards this goal.

We hope you find this guide helpful. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or suggestions regarding Rubbish disposal and Recycling in the Town of Reading.

RUBBISH DISPOSAL LIMITS

- No more than 4 bags/small barrels or 3 large barrels (a maximum total of 120 gallons) of rubbish per household per week.
- Contractor will not pick up any trash from residents who are not actively recycling



Single Stream Recycling

- Weekly **mandatory** unlimited recycling
- No need to sort.
- **If there is no recycling and/or bin curbside when the trash truck arrives, trash will not be collected.**
- Use the red recycling bins distributed by the Town of Reading,

AND/OR

- Use your own containers clearly marked with a recycling sticker.
- Recycling bins and stickers are available **at no cost** at the DPW Garage or the DPW Office at Town Hall.



What to Recycle

Acceptable Paper & Cardboard:

Newspapers/inserts	Magazines
Catalogs	Junk Mail
Envelopes	Paper Bags
Phone Books	Office Paper
File Folders	Shredded paper
Boxboard	Books
Pizza Boxes (<i>clean</i>)	
Cereal, cake and gift boxes	
Notebooks (<i>no metal rings/clips</i>)	
Milk-Juice Carton/Drink Boxes	
Cardboard Boxes	

Please breakdown, flatten and fold boxes, cartons & other cardboard into no larger than 4' x 4'

Unacceptable Paper:

- **No napkins, tissues, toilet paper, or soiled paper wrappers.**

Accepted Commingled Materials:

Plastic

- Butter/margarine tubs
- Dessert/yogurt cups
- Plastic condiment containers
- Laundry bottles
- Plastic take-out containers
- Beverage bottles



Plastic Containers accepted (Excluding #6 Styrofoam)

Unacceptable Plastics:

- **No plastic bags, plastic wrap, newspaper sleeves, or plastic film** - return to Supermarkets
- **No Styrofoam** – bring to drop-off location at the Garage

NON-COMPLIANT
RECYCLABLE MATERIAL
THIS IS TRASH
Ex: Plastic Bags, Food Waste,
Wash, Towels, Garden Hoses, Etc.
NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING

Glass

- Glass bottles, jars, food containers and beverage containers



Unacceptable Glass:

- **No window glass or mirrors,**
- **No light-bulbs,**
- **No ceramics.**

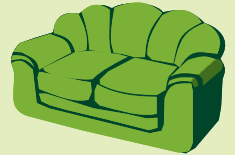
Metal Cans and Foil

- Clean aluminum cans and foil
- Tin and steel cans
- Lids from jars
- Empty and non-hazardous aerosol cans



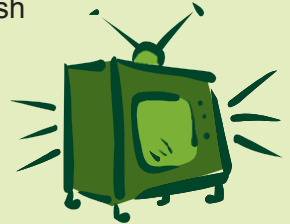
Bulk Items

- One Bulk Item per week may be placed curbside with your regular recycling & rubbish.
- **There is no charge and no stickers are required.**
- Bulk items include: sofa, chairs, recliners, arm-chair, mattress, box-spring, table, desk, bookcase, lawn mower (fluids drained), gas grill (tank removed) and carpeting (cut into 3' lengths and roll), etc.
- Unusually large or awkward items can be picked up **for a fee** by calling **JRM** directly at **1-800-323-HAUL**



TV/CRT Disposal

- TV's and CRT's (computer monitors) are not allowed with regular trash or recycling.
- Picked up weekly by calling JRM directly at 1-800-323-HAUL and arranging payment and scheduling the pickup.
- TV/CRT pickup fee is \$35 each.



Appliances

- Household appliances are not allowed with regular trash or recycling.
- They include but are not limited to: refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, heaters, dishwashers, air-conditioners, de-humidifiers, hot water heaters, over the stove microwaves, etc.
- Appliances are picked up weekly by calling **JRM** directly at **1-800-323-HAUL** and arranging payment and scheduling the pickup.
- Appliance pickup fee is \$35 each.

